

## NEW YEAR ENTERED BY COMMISSIONERS

Important Work Done by District's Governing Board in Twelve Months.

The Board of Commissioners entered yesterday upon the second year of its administration. One year ago yesterday Oliver P. Newman and Frederick L. Siddons took the oath of office as Commissioners of the District, succeeding John H. Rudolph and Gen. John A. Johnston.

Fighting opposition on the part of the home rule committee, which is seeking to prevent his continuance in office, Commissioner Newman bears the unanimous endorsement of the executive committee of the Park View Citizens' Association. Resolutions unanimously endorsing the administration of Commissioner Newman and deploring the efforts of those seeking his removal were adopted unanimously at a recent meeting.

### Many Changes in Methods.

During the last year many important changes in administrative methods have been inaugurated by the Commissioners. Their first important task was the preparation of the estimates for the fiscal year 1914. In considering the needs of the District the board invited suggestions from all the citizens' associations.

Attention was given all of these suggestions in compiling the budget, which totaled \$14,691,014.49. The amount appropriated by Congress is approximately \$12,000,000. Changes in the personnel of the District government, have been few. Matthew Trimble, member of the board of assistant assessors, was one of the first officials to resign. Trimble was succeeded by W. L. Beale. Samuel J. Kalbfus, also a member of the board of assistant assessors, was succeeded by E. W. Oyster. On October 1, E. W. Thomas, corporation counsel, resigned and Conrad H. Syme was appointed as his successor. A few months later Ben L. Prince was appointed collector of taxes to succeed Charles C. Rogers. Charles E. Nesbit was appointed superintendent of insurance to succeed George W. Ingham. The office of Assistant Corporation Counsel was given Roger J. White.

### Busy As Utilities Board.

As members of the Public Utilities Commission, the Commissioners have had a busy year in which much has been accomplished.

In November, the board began an investigation of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, which resulted in a decision that there be a complete separation of the business of the street railway company and the Potomac Electric Light Company, a subsidiary corporation.

Suit to recover \$5,000 in fines for alleged failure to obey an order of the Public Utilities Commission to keep separate its accounts from those of the Washington Railway Company was recently instituted in the District Supreme Court by Corporation Counsel Syme, counsel for the commission. It is the intention, Mr. Syme said, to institute suits for \$5,000, a fine of \$200 a day, at the end of each month until compliance is made.

Another important act of the commission was the denial of the application of the Washington Gas Company to merge with the Georgetown Gas Light Company.

Following an appropriation of \$100,000 for the work of the Public Utilities Commission, the services of an expert corps of public utility accountants were obtained.

Valuation of the properties of the public utilities is now being made. It is estimated that the work will be completed by June 15, 1915, after which the commission will take up and decide the question of rates.

### Alley Bill Pet Measure.

The alley bill, providing for the elimination of all the inhabited alleys of the District, is one of the Commissioners' pet measures, and they have strongly recommended its enactment.

Approval of the Crocker bill, providing for the municipal ownership of street railways, was given in a lengthy report to Congress.

Strict enforcement of the building regulations has been demanded. A number of suits were instituted against property owners to compel them to provide suitable fire protection, or to enjoin the use of their premises.

The new traffic regulations were drawn by the Commissioners, aided by Corporation Counsel Syme and Major Richard Sylvester, superintendent of police force, after weeks of personal investigation of traffic conditions.

In the midst of the discussion relative to the abolition of the "half-and-half" plan, Commissioner Newman made clear his ideas on the subject in an address delivered at a luncheon at the Commercial Club. The plan advocated by Mr. Newman was that the Commissioners be authorized to levy tax rates on all assessable property to produce the amount necessary; the Federal Government to contribute as its share an amount equal to the tax rate if it were applicable to Government property, exclusive of streets, triangles and circles. Rock Creek Park and Potomac Park. The area embraced in these parks is 2,400 acres, a much larger park area than is found in other American cities.

### Face Important Tasks.

In entering upon the second year of their administration the Commissioners face a number of important tasks. Annual reports of the heads of departments will soon have to be given consideration, then will come the preparation of the estimates for the fiscal year 1915. The work of the Public Utilities Commission is expected to take up much of their time in the next six months.

### Pythians Gathering for Their Golden Jubilee

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 20.—Knights of Pythias, Uniform Rank, are gathering here for the international biennial encampment and golden jubilee this week. The camp will be formally dedicated tomorrow with speeches by Governor Hailston of Indiana, Mayor Donn M. Roberts of Terre Haute, and Maj. Gen. A. J. Stobart. The military parade will take place Tuesday afternoon. The first Knights of Pythias lodge was instituted at Washington, D. C., fifty years ago.

### Vestrymen Will Serve As Taylor Pallbearers

Members of the vestry of St. Alban's Church, of which he had been registrar of the parish for twenty-eight years, will act as pallbearers at the funeral of James Hemphill Taylor, who ended his life yesterday morning by shooting himself in the mouth while in the study of his home, 3640 Newark street, Cleveland Park. The services will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at St. Alban's church. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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